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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-5 are pending.
2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the word “invention”. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is not supported by either a preamble asserted utility or a well established utility.

Claim 5 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Specifically, since the claimed invention is not supported by either a preamble asserted utility or a well established utility for the reasons set forth above, one skilled in the art clearly would not know how to use the claimed invention.

The following title is suggested: claim 5, should mentioned “A computer readable medium having a program for....”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Glenn et al.** (U.S. Pat. No. **6,763,282**).

As per claim 1, 4 and 5, **Glenn et al.** teaches a system and an associated robot that uses impulse radio technology having an autonomous robot apparatus which communicates with a communication apparatus by radio and independently determines an action in accordance with an instruction from a user or a surrounding environment (see figs. 11 and 13, wherein receiving instruction from a user is inherent), the robot apparatus comprising: measuring means for

measuring the quality of communication of radio signals received from the communication apparatus (see col. 3, lines 49-57); determining means for determining the action on the basis of the communication quality measured by the measuring means (see col. 1, lines 52-63, wherein radar capabilities, monitoring and control being interpreted as measuring the quality of the communication); and processing means for performing a process of allowing the robot apparatus to take the action determined by the determining means (see fig. 13, element 1306); and with respect to claim 5, as best understood the program is embedded in a computer readable medium for executing all the above mentioned limitations.

As per claim 2, Glenn et al. teaches a robot that uses impulse radio technology wherein the determining means determines the action on the basis of the details of the current action of the robot apparatus and the communication quality measured by the measuring means (see col. 1, lines 52-63 as noted above).

As per claim 3, Glenn et al. teaches a robot that uses impulse radio technology wherein the determining means determines the generation of predetermined speech, and the processing means outputs the speech through a speaker (see col. 15, lines 66 -- to -- col. 16, line -3, wherein using speaker for outputting sound in robotics being considered as known in the art. See flakey for instance).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MCDIEUNEL MARC whose telephone number is (571)272-6964. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 Mon-Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi Tran can be reached on (571) 272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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